



That Taxation Bugbear.

Frank Stanley, jailed.....	3 months
Chas. Cross, jailed.....	4 "
Elmer Labadie, jailed.....	40 days
Geo. McKay, jailed.....	40 "
John Bright, jailed.....	30 "
Hugh Higgins, jailed.....	75 "
Solomon Curtis, jailed.....	60 "
Thos. Kyme, jailed.....	90 "
Ryland Seelye, jailed.....	30 "
Isaac Hinkley, jailed.....	8 months
Nelson Goodridge, jailed.....	60 days
Chas. Cross, jailed.....	6 months
John McDonough, jailed.....	60 days
Will Barnes, jailed.....	60 "
Geo. Barnes, jailed.....	60 "
Geo. Murry, jailed.....	60 "
Anson Carpenter, jailed.....	75 "
Charles Richardson, jailed.....	60 "
Walter Bass, jailed.....	75 "
Frank Ludwig, jailed.....	60 "

Figuring all the expense of trials, board bills, officers fees, etc., for the four years, Mr. Longwell makes a total cost of \$3,335.47 which he thinks should be charged against the local option law, and gives credit for but \$1,562.87, in fines and costs collected.

But this is not a full statement. In addition to the above the following fines and costs were paid during the four years under discussion:

Asa Benson.....	\$100.00 fine	\$175.78, costs.
Edwin Murry.....	100.00 "	67.35, "
John Anders.....	125.00 "	77.25, "
Leon Fellows.....	75.00 "	5.05, "
Floyd Rymes.....	50.00 "	5.05, "
Clarence Young.....	50.00 "	5.05, "
Total.....	\$500.00	\$335.63

This is a trifling mistake of \$835.63 in Mr. Longwell's reliable (?) statistics. Add to this the \$73.50 improperly charged to the law in the Giddings case (not a criminal case at all) and we have the sum of \$909.13 which should by right be deducted from Mr. Longwell's bill of costs. Then if we credit the law with the 15 days of court expenses saved, it will be seen that the claim that the law is self sustaining is amply proved even for the four years selected by Mr. Longwell.

In addition to the above imprisonments, there were during the same time the following which are omitted from Mr. Longwell's table:

Peter Callicut, jailed.....	13 months
Peter Hotelling, jailed.....	90 days

Mr. Longwell was unable to get statistics prior to 1893. Perhaps we can help him out to a certain extent. Before this time, that following convictions were had and fines collected:

FINES	COSTS.
J. M. Longwell.....	\$150.00
Judge Gunning.....	50.00
W. H. Filley.....	100.00
Geo. H. Rix.....	75.00
J. M. Longwell.....	75.00
Zimert Warner.....	150.00
W. F. Throop.....	60.00
Irving Adams.....	100.00
Geo. W. Congdon.....	75.00
Matthew Murphy.....	60.00
Engene Dustin.....	100.00
E. J. Congdon.....	60.00
John Bay.....	60.00
Simoon Wilson.....	50.00
Jud Bailey.....	50.00
Jos. Conklin.....	50.00
Totals.....	\$1245.00

An aggregate of \$1,548.63. The following persons were imprisoned prior to 1893:

Wm. Palmer, jailed.....	90 days
Ben Whitmore, jailed.....	30 "
Alonzo Ray, jailed.....	30 "
Frank Butler, jailed.....	30 "
Albert Crippen, jailed.....	5 months
Irving Adams, jailed.....	6 months
Elmer Schoolcraft, jailed.....	30 days
Gilbert Sweet, jailed.....	45 "
D. W. Brodhead, jailed.....	30 "
Jas. Mahoney, jailed.....	30 "
Peter Callicut, jailed.....	40 "
Mark Oaks, jailed.....	30 "
Robt Oaks, jailed.....	30 "
Dan Keefe, jailed.....	30 "
John Gudebeck, jailed.....	30 "

Mr. Longwell attempts to make a point as to the expense of 1897, but he neglects to state that in addition to the \$111.35, already collected, one bond, that of Thos. Minter, for \$300, has been exonerated to the people; Fred Meabous convicted and not yet sentenced, E. A. Osgood convicted and served sentence of 40 days in jail and the following cases yet pending: Jas. Burgess, I. E. Hamilton, Geo. H. Cross, Wm. H. Smith, Fred Bailey, Harvey Hilliard, M. A. Egle, M. H. Strong, 2 cases, B. D. Hicks, W. H. Owen and Chas. Crippin. It is reasonable to presume from past experience that these cases will eventually be in a balance on the people's side of the ledger for the current year.

One set of figures Mr. Longwell has correct. Twelve saloons would have paid about \$45,000 taxes, that is the saloon keepers would have made the immediate payment, but it would really have come out of their patrons, and in many instances wives and children would have suffered for the necessities of life to help pay the iniquitous tax. This sum, to those outside the villages, would have amounted to the "magnificent sum" of 23 cents per year on each \$1,000 valuation, provided the traffic did not increase public expense in other directions which it undoubtedly does. If Mr. Longwell's twelve saloons would be such a blessing and furnish such a "magnificent sum," how many saloons would be required to make us all wealthy and happy?

The jail record shows the following: Drunks and disorderlies confined during the license years of 1892-3-4-116. During the local option years of 1892-3-4-47. A decrease—69 cases.

The total incarcerations in the county jail for the first 3 years mentioned above were, 281.

For the last three years, 164, a decrease of 117, or nearly 100 per cent and of these latter, 25 were confined for violation of the local option law.

Mr. Longwell charges the law with three elections and seven meetings of the board and figures the expense at \$5,271.78. Of course, neither he nor anybody else, knows the expense of such elections, but there have been but two elections held under the present law and the expense of the second election is justly chargeable to the saloon element instead of the law as are all of the seven meetings of the board except the two held in 1890 to put the law into operation. If the "antisl" are so fearful of expenses, let them stop petitioning for the overthrow of the law and stop putting the people to the expense and trouble of voting to sus-

tain it.

As to the claim that there is more liquor drunk than under high license, it is needless to reply. Everybody knows it is not true. When men who favor the traffic advocate the repeal of the statute on the ground that it will lessen sales, the argument has no weight whatever. It looks as though "the devil had turned preacher."

In conclusion we would say: Let every voter ponder well these facts and figures and then walk up to the polls on Monday and vote "Yes."

Remember that a cross in the square opposite the word "Yes," means a vote in favor of protection for the family and the home, while a vote the other way is a vote to protect the saloon and the rumrunner. "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve."

Let us have the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

LINCOLN H. TITUS,
Ex-Prov. Atty.

I have carefully read the foregoing article and have examined the records in the office of the county clerk and find the facts stated to be correct.

O. W. ROWLAND,
Deputy Co. Clerk.

The Last Call.

Every effort has been made by the workers for local option in recent weeks to bring the facts before the people, for the reason that they believed that to be well informed was with any sincere voter enough to insure a vote to maintain the law.

We believe that it has been remarkably beneficial to our county. Pauperism has decreased. Drunkenness and crime have decreased. The income from fines and costs have not only paid the expenses, but left us over \$2,000 ahead, the local option law being the only self sustaining law on our statute books. The education the county has been having in looking on the traffic as a crime has been invaluable. The warning which Allegan has given us regarding increase of drunkenness and crime, ought to keep any man from voting for the saloon. For the six years we show 82 convictions out of 94 prosecutions, and only six acquittals, and more convictions would have resulted if a little stronger effort had been made. The temperance people of the county promise, through their Anti-Saloon League organizations, now in every township, a better enforcement than ever. Under the saloon system, the relief from taxes would be little, and the income more than eaten up by the added expense attending crime.

But there is a stronger argument: It is the argument of righteousness. What ever be true as regards finances, the license is blood money. How can any voter with a spark of manhood vote to give another the right to sell that which will make a brute and fiend of his neighbor? Drinking is the cause of about 90 per cent of all our crimes? How can license make legitimate, semi respectable, that which robs reason, empties the pockets, increases divorce, ruins homes? If a man is determined to sell, we may not always prevent it, but God forbid that we should be responsible for his selling. Better had we walk over poor sidewalks, drive through the mud, have no roads, than say to men, "We give you the right to sell."

But the saloon keeper says something, too. He says, "I'll give you \$500 for the privilege, to help pay your taxes, but do you give me \$4000 in return; I'll give you \$500, but do you give me your boys and girls." Infamous, heartless exchange! The request of the saloonist ought to be met with a blow, the blow of the ballot. The last call is out. Vote for the law—Vote "Yes," and then let us have a better enforcement than ever. Shall the manufacture of liquor and the liquor traffic be prohibited within the county? "Yes."

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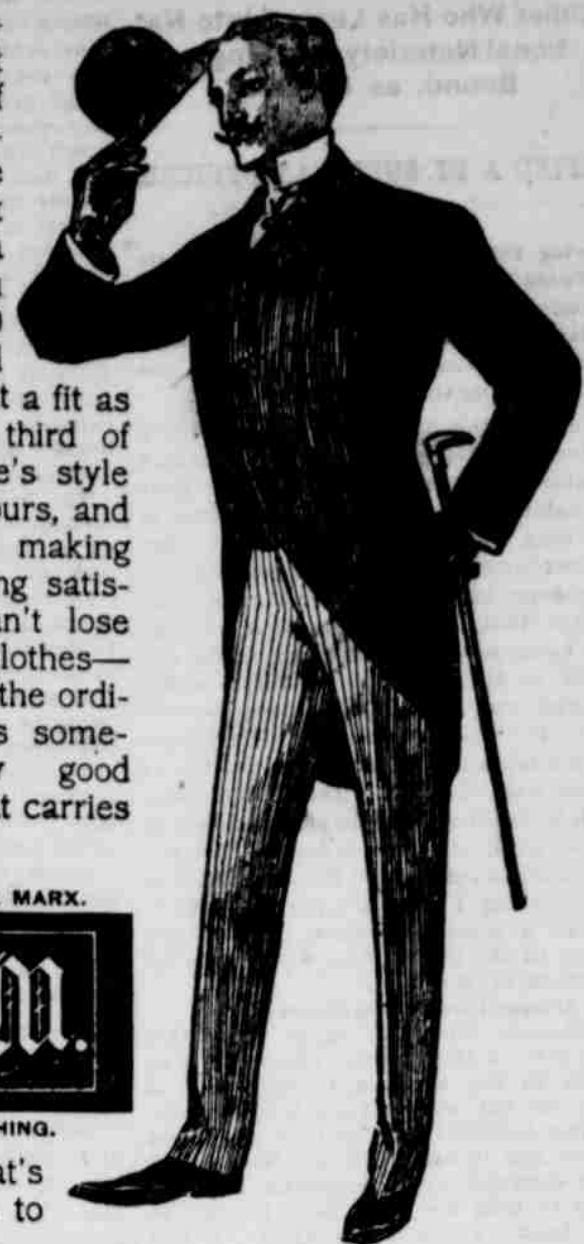
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